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Holiday Tradition

ORR Hosts Senior Thanksgiving Dinner

The annual Thanksgiving Dinner for tri-town senior citizens sponsored by the eighth graders at Old Rochester Regional Junior High School was held on Sunday, November 21 at 11:30 am. An estimated 300 seniors — 100 from each of the three towns in the district — were served by students, faculty and staff. This year's dinner was an overwhelming success. Some shut-in meals were also delivered to seniors in the area who were unable to attend the seating at ORR.

Giving and Sharing

CRN Distributes Thanksgiving Baskets

Thanks to a local civic organization, 200 local families in need enjoyed a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner this week.

Community Resources Network (CRN) has once again assembled and distributed Thanksgiving food baskets for some 200 needy area families. Baskets containing a turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, and vegetables were made available for pick up at the Wareham Town Hall Auditorium between 8:00 am and 1:00 pm this past Tuesday, November 23.

Residents of Marion, Onset, Buzzards Bay, Rochester, and Wareham were eligible to receive the baskets. Volunteers prepared the baskets and carried them out to recipients' cars.

CRN is an all-volunteer organization drawing its membership from churches, businesses, non-profit organizations, and individual community residents. In addition to the Thanksgiving basket program, CRN's services include assistance to those in need of food, furniture, and fuel. CRN also has an Extended Help program which provides one-time, short-term assistance with living costs. CRN's motto is "Give and We'll Share."

Count Your Blessings

Local Women Donate Food to Mission

Over 200 less fortunate families will have a Thanksgiving turkey this year due to the generosity of Lisa Bindas and Jaci Barnett. The two women purchased over 200 turkeys and donated them to the local order of Mother Theresa's Missionaries of Charity. The turkeys (and all the fixings) are given out by the missionaries to local families that the sisters are familiar with and that need the assistance.

"We feel as though we have been blessed and for that we feel that in turn we should also help those that are less fortunate," Ms. Bindas said. "I think that it's always important to remember that tomorrow it could be us waiting in line for food, so never take anything for granted.

"The sisters at the Missionary are wonderful people — they capture the essence of true spirituality. We believe in giving back to the community and have helped

Above: *Talking Turkey ... In the spirit of the Thanksgiving Holiday,* The Wanderer *staff decided to solicit readers' suggestions for a caption to go with the above photo of Rochester Town Administrator James Huntoon and some unidentified friends (we suspect they may be staff writers for* The National Enquirer). *Please submit your ideas to: Turkey Shoot, c/o The Wanderer, P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The deadline for submissions is Friday, December 3 at 3:00 pm and the contest is open to all readers in our circulation area and is not restricted to Rochester residents. (Photo courtesy of Patricia Ryan).*

On the cover: *Students at Old Rochester Regional Junior High School greet guests from Mattapoisett, Marion and Rochester who attended the school's annual Senior Thanksgiving Dinner held on Sunday, November 21. The traditional meal is provided every year to 300 seniors — 100 from each town — just prior to the Thanksgiving Holiday. (Photo courtesy of Old Rochester Regional Junior High School).*

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other organizations but we feel drawn to helping the sisters because we see what they do and can actually see the result of what they accomplish for those less fortunate and those in need of some assistance. The nuns help everyone including battered women, homeless families, and individuals who just need some help getting through a difficult time.

"I think the most admirable characteristic of the Missionaries of Charity is that just like their founder, Mother Theresa, the sisters work 'hands on' with the communities. You can actually see the immediate benefits of what they do."

Both Ms. Bindas and Ms. Barnett reside in New Bedford and are local businesswomen in Mattapoisett.

Mattapoisett Selectmen's Meeting

November 23, 1999

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, November 9 at 7:02 pm by Chairman pro tem Ray Andrews. Also present were Selectman Barry Denham and Executive Secretary Carol Adams. Selectmen Chairman Paul Lambalot was detained and would join the meeting later.

The board first met with ORR School Superintendent Elizabeth Quinn and Mattapoisett School Committee Chairman Debbie DeWalt regarding their decision to temporarily close the Center School Playground pending needed repairs. According to Ms. DeWalt, there were some safety issues which were brought

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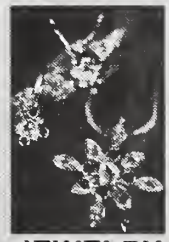

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to their attention and based upon a recommendation from Building Inspector Andrew Bobola, they agreed to close the playground until it could be brought up to meet current safety codes.

"Safety is our main concern," Ms. DeWalt said. "We hope to meet with everyone and walk through (the facility) to see what needs to be done. But until we have a chance to address some of those concerns, we thought it would be best to close it for the time being."

"We'll be working very closely with Principal Jack Murphy to see what repairs need to be done," said Ms. Quinn. "Our goal is to get these needs established by the end of the week and maybe have the work done by year's end."

"Like anything else, (the playground) met the standard codes 17 years ago," added Building Inspector Andrew Bobola, who recently inspected the facility. "But since then, the codes have become more stringent."

At 7:08 pm the board with Harbormaster Steve Mach and Mary Leblanc and Jay Petrie of the newly-formed Friends of Mattapoisett Harbor group. Mr. Mach explained that the women approached him during the summer about forming a non-profit organization to help raise funds for various wharf and harbor projects.

"We don't like to have to go to Town Meeting every time we need money to get things done," Mr. Mach said. "(They) suggested forming a Friends of Mattapoisett Harbor group to raise money for certain projects which otherwise wouldn't get funded."

Ms. Leblanc said one of the first projects the group would like to tackle is improvements to the Harbor House on

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the wharf. She also cited several suggested fund-raisers for next year, including a Caribbean Night kickoff in February, a Dock Days event to coincide with Father's Day, a "Captains Who Cook" event modeled after the local "Men Who Cook" fund-raiser, a Plant Sale and Ice Cream Social for Mother's Day, an Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Bonnet Parade, and tie-in events with the annual Harbor Days Festival.

"We're here to introduce ourselves and hopefully get your support," Ms. Leblanc said.

"I think it's a wonderful cause you've taken on," Selectman Andrews said. "If we don't have citizen initiative, we can't get things like this accomplished. It will be nice to see Shipyard Park used more than just Harbor Days."

At 7:30 pm Chairman Lambalot joined his fellow board

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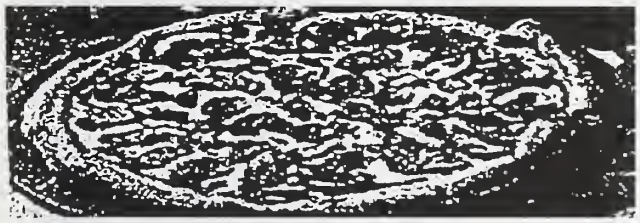

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members for a Dog Hearing upon a complaint filed by Bruce and Barbara Smith against dogs owned by the McCanns, the Hickeys, and the Baumans. Mr. and Ms. Smith complained that seven or eight dogs owned by all three neighbors were running loose on their property, urinating and defecating in their yard, and the neighbors were often drunken and disorderly. "I just want this problem taken care of," Mr. Smith said.

"My dog has been tied up since I moved here in June," Ms. Bauman protested. "My dog is an old, laid-back dog."

"I tried to approach this as civilly as possible when I first moved to Mattapoisett," said Jenny McCann. "At first, I didn't realize there was a leash law in Mattapoisett. I've tried to speak to (Mr. and Ms. Smith) civilly, but have been unable to. But my dogs have never defecated on their property. To hear their testimony, I think it's irrational. I don't want problems ... in fact, I'm leaving the area — I just can't deal with this. It is simply a non-issue. I will be out of here by mid-December."

"In fairness to all parties, I've gotten calls that the dogs have been loose and when I arrive I don't see any dogs," said Animal Control Officer Kathleen Masse. "I talked to a woman at the end of the street who said she saw the dogs loose ... but as the enforcing officer, I haven't seen the dogs loose. There is a leash law in Mattapoisett, so the dogs need to be restrained. If I see a dog loose, I'll have to pick it up."

After some heated arguments and accusations from both sides of the issue, the board questioned the town's authority on Mahoney Way, which is a private road with six homes. But according to Ms. Masse's reading of the town by-law, the leash law applies to any dog within the Town of Mattapoisett — there is no differentiation between private and

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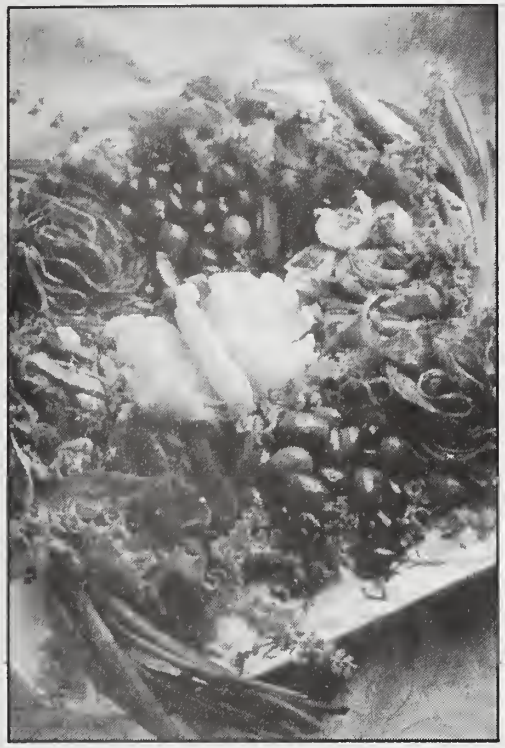

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public property.

"The leash law states that dogs must be leashed within the Town of Mattapoisett, so I enforce the leash law on private ways," Ms. Masse said. "I will say that I don't get calls about these dogs at night ... and I've left specific instructions to call me either day or night."

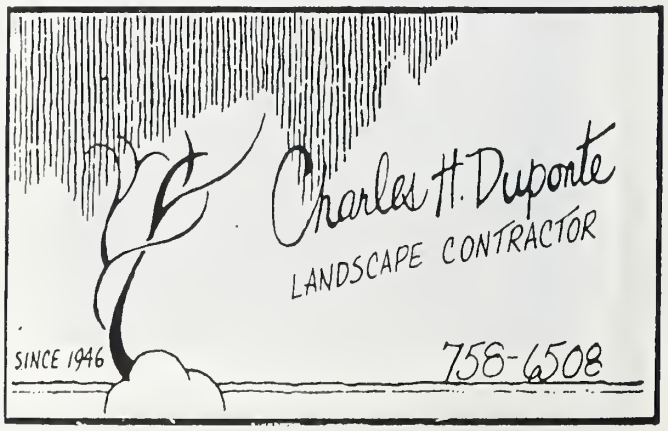
"We need to look a little further into the leash law regarding private roads," Chairman Lambalot said. "We need to find out if a dog is on private property, does the leash law still apply? I think we need some clarification on this."

The board agreed to look into the current leash law and said they would get back to all parties involved in this dispute.

"I don't think any of us want any disharmony," Ms. McCann said. "Since the rules have been explained to me, my dog has never been out of my sight or out of earshot."

After a brief recess, the board reconvened at 8:08 pm with members of the Board of Assessors for a Tax Classification Hearing to determine whether the town will maintain a single tax rate for commercial and residential property or opt for a dual tax structure.

"We've finished our revaluation and recap and we've submitted a preliminary tax rate to the Department of Revenue which will be certified pending the outcome of this meeting," said Assessor Michael O'Brien. "The Board of Selectmen has the option to continue with a single tax rate for residential and commercial property, or split the tax rate. Since Mattapoisett is comprised of about 92 percent residential ... the Board of Assessors has always felt it would unfairly shift the tax burden to the other 8 percent if we split the rate. We don't feel it should be done and we don't recommend it."



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Mr. O'Brien also went over a couple of other options offered by the state — one which would reduce the primary residential (year-round residents) tax rate by 10 percent and have the secondary (part-time, summer residential) residents pick up the difference; and another which would reduce the tax rate for small commercial businesses (10 employees or less) by 10 percent and have the larger commercial category pick up the slack.

"We don't feel that any of these options are suitable for Mattapoisett," Mr. O'Brien said.

With that, the board unanimously voted to maintain a single tax rate for both residential and commercial property owners in Mattapoisett upon the Board of Assessors' recommendation. Mr. O'Brien noted that based on his

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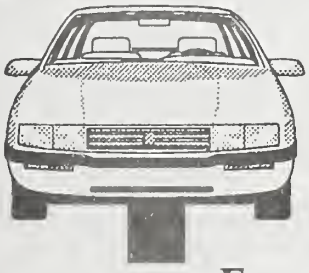

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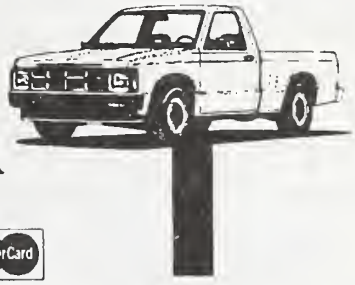

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preliminary calculations, the new tax rate will be lower — dropping from $15.94 per $1,000 last year to an estimated $14.32 per $1,000 this year. The Assessors expect tax bills to be sent out by mid-December and advised that residents who wish to take a tax deduction should pay the bill before December 31, 1999.

In other matters, the board:

• Voted 2-to-1 to appoint David Demski to the Marine Advisory Board (MAB) upon a recommendation from Harbormaster Steve Mach. Selectman Andrews felt that the board should follow a recommendation from the MAB to appoint Mike Costello to the vacancy, but was outvoted by his fellow board members. Mr. Demski is a commercial fisherman in town.

• Noted that Tappé Associates have been chosen by the Mattapoisett School Building Committee as the architectural firm to prepare a design plan for both Center and Old Hammondtown Schools. Selectman Andrews noted that the firm will make a presentation to Town Meeting next year, most likely during a Special Town Meeting in either April or May.

"This project is so important to the town that it really requires the residents' full attention," Selectman Andrews said.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening.

Marion Selectmen's Meeting

November 23, 1999

By Ilana L. Mackin

A regular meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, November 23 at 7:00 pm by

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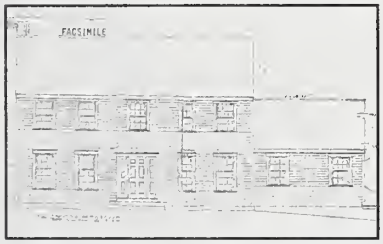

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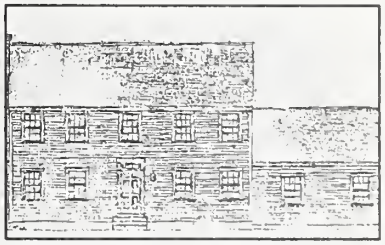

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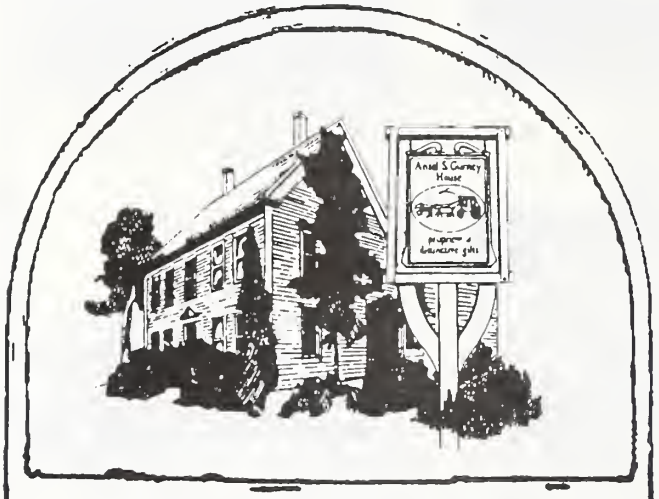

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Chairman Loretta Schaefer. Also present were Selectman Albert E. Winters and Secretary Helene Craver. Selectman Jonathan "Jody" Dickerson and Town Administrator Ray Pickles were not present the meeting.

Chairman Schaefer opened the evening by approving payroll warrants #21 and #22 and accepting a special request from the VFW to hold their New Years' Eve Party on December 31 from 6:00 pm to 1:00 am. A request was also granted to appoint Patricia Figueiredo as a second crossing guard at Sippican School. In the past the school has had to utilize a police cruiser to help with traffic which has left the department short-handed at times.

"With all the construction in the area, a second crossing guard is a really good idea," Selectman Winters said. Both board members agreed to approve this request with a term ending May 31, 2000 — but will look into amending the request to extend her term until the end of the school year if needed.

At 7:05 pm Chairman Schaefer moved for a continuance of the Tax Classification Hearing with the Board of Assessors one more week as "we don't have the information and the Assessors are not available this evening," she said.

Under incoming correspondence for the week, Chairman Schaefer reviewed the following:

• The Department of Environmental Protection regretfully informed the board that their application for the clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan program project was not approved. Both Selectman Schaefer and Selectman Winters expressed their disappointment but were not surprised.

• MediaOne provided a notice that detailed the price

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adjustments to take effect in the Marion community that will equal an estimated 6 percent rate increase according to Chairman Schaefer. MediaOne also informed the board that effective December 15, 1999 they will be replacing the Valuevision Channel with a Romance Classics channel offering American Movie Classics.

• The Community Development Authority and Department enthusiastically informed the board that they have successfully submitted the town's application for the expanded regional housing program to the Department of Housing and Community Development in a timely manner and thanked everyone for their combined efforts in gaining the necessary signatures.

• The SouthCoast emPOWERment group updated the

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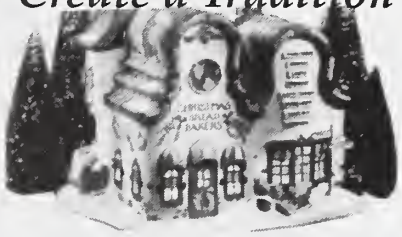

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board of some interesting information regarding electric power purchasing aggregation that they learned at a recent Plymouth County Advisory Regional meeting. "The SouthCoast emPOWERment members have been working for over two years preparing for the day when the residential user will be saddled with planned high rates and with no place to turn. Three emPOWERment member communities are part of Plymouth County and we believe that there are opportunities in our program that we would like to share," wrote emPOWERment Chairman and Rochester Selectman Richard Cutler in his November 17 letter. Mr. Cutler invited all his fellow constituents who are interested in learning more about this issue to join them at their regularly scheduled meetings held every other Thursday.

• The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners has announced a public hearing to be held on Monday, December 13 at the Middleboro Public Library at 10:00 am (with a snow date of December 14), to discuss the amendment of regulation 605 CMR 6.00 Sections 6.02-6.11 that modifies administrative procedures of the Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program. The purpose of the amendment is to clarify the application and review process and further define eligibility requirements and adjust funding formulas used in determining grant awards.

In other business to come before the board, Selectman Winters discussed the renovations progress being made at the Sippican School. He complimented the engineering firm for providing some necessary steel drawings to continue in their progress that would normally take up to six weeks to prepare. The firm was able to provide them to the town within six days. Selectman Winters suggested that a letter of appreciation for a job well done be sent with Ben Bryant of the Building Needs Committee during their next meeting.

With no further matters to come before the board, Selectman Winters and Chairman Schaefer wished each and everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving holiday before they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 7:10 pm.

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Rochester Selectmen's Meeting

November 22, 1999

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:40 pm on Monday, November 22 by Chairman Richard Cutler. Also present were Selectman Patricia Ryan, Selectman Naida Parker, Town Administrator James Huntoon, and Administrative Assistant Veronica Lafreniere.

The board began by meeting jointly with members of the Planning Board, Conservation Commission (ConCom), Finance Committee (FinCom) and Town Planner candidate Michael Pessolano to discuss the prospect of hiring Mr. Pessolano on a part-time basis. After advertising the new 20-hour-a-week position of Town Planner, the board narrowed their selection down to Mr. Pessolano during a series of Executive Sessions, but found that based on his ample experience the $26,000 allocated by Town Meeting voters was a little shy of his expectations. The boards were hoping to confirm Mr. Pessolano's qualifications for the position and find a way to fund the additional $4,000 to meet a base salary of $30,000.

"It's rare that an interview leads to a meeting with three boards, but I appreciate the opportunity to be here tonight," Mr. Pessolano said. "Rochester is poised for explosive growth over the next 10 to 20 years. So, what happens in the next two to three years is crucial. The Town Planner needs to interact with the different municipal agencies ... to implement the Master Plan and control growth.

"Now comes the question of hiring someone to see that all this happens. Town Meeting took a vote on a specific salary (for Town Planner) and I seem to meet the minimum qualifications, but what I'm worth in the

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marketplace is at odds with the salary in question. I bring 20 years of experience in municipal planning to the position. I am an experienced GIS user and would not be just providing planning services but would work with other departments to help develop grant-writing opportunities."

Mr. Pessolano previously worked as the Town Planner for Harwich, MA, where he began in 1985. He said he wrote easily half of the town's by-laws but admitted he left because he was becoming dissatisfied with the changes in town leadership and the direction it was taking. He hopes to meet the new challenges facing the future of Rochester with fresh, innovative ideas.

"If you hire me and you agree on the salary that I'm looking for, I'd venture to guess that you'd recoup the ($4,000) difference within the first year in grants alone," Mr. Pessolano said. "There are grants for various purposes that I would actively investigate."

Planning Board Chairman Bob Cummings agreed that Mr. Pessolano would bring a great deal of knowledge and experience to the Town of Rochester. "There's no

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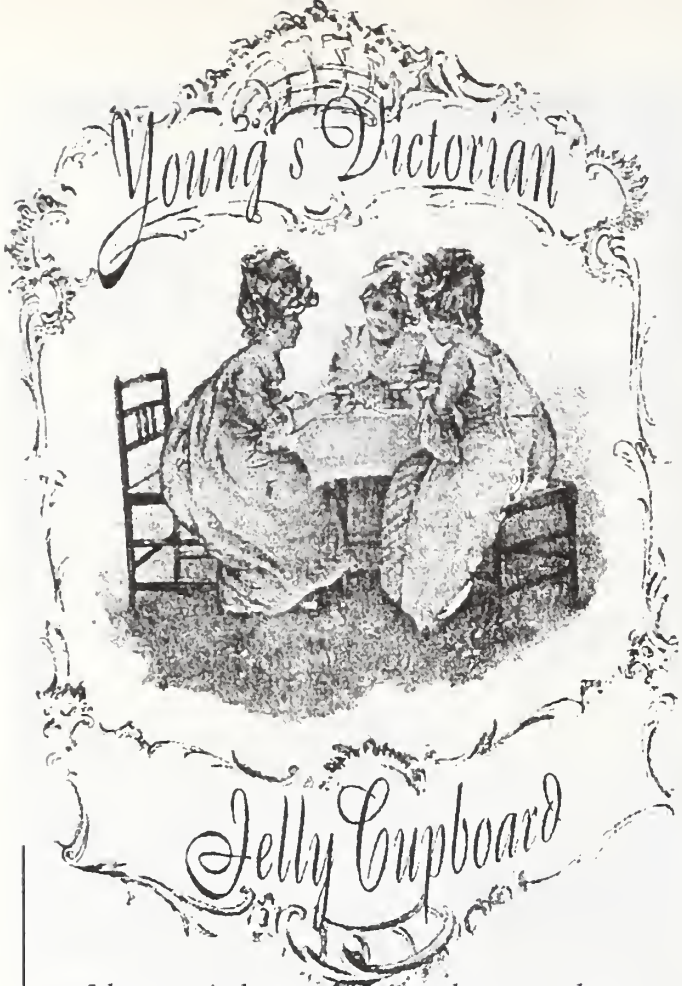

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question that you're qualified for the position," he said. "But we need to step back and address the issue of how we can afford to hire you."

"Rochester is at a crossroads and desperately needs a qualified planner," said Planning Board member Georgia Chamberlain. "I would hate to lose someone this qualified ... for a few thousand dollars. If you pay peanuts, you get monkeys. I think (Mr. Pessolano) can do a very good job."

At 7:20 pm the board went into Executive Session with members of the Planning Board, ConCom, and FinCom to discuss "contract issues" related to the Town Planner's position. Upon reconvening in Open Session at 8:08 pm, the board said they were still negotiating the position and would need to meet with the Personnel Board before making a final decision in the matter. They expect to vote on the position during their next Selectmen's meeting on November 29.

At 8:10 pm the board met with two representatives from Fleet Boston Financial Services — Edward Dlott, Director of Financial Advisory Services, and Margaret Proia, Assistant Vice President of Financial Services. The joint financial advising service is the result of the recent FleetBank/BankBoston merger. Both Mr. Dlott and Ms. Proia made a pitch to the board to continue as the town's financial advisors.

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After unanimously approving the minutes of the November 15 meeting, the board signed and approved holiday package store openings for Lloyd's Market, Adrian's Package Store, and Plumb Corner Market beginning the Sunday before Thanksgiving and each Sunday thereafter until New Year's Day. The establishments are restricted to selling alcoholic beverages between the hours of 8:00 am and 11:00 pm.

Highway Surveyor Jeff Eldridge came before the board to discuss recent requests to change or post new speed limit signs from Safety Officer William Chamberlain. Mr. Eldridge was concerned that he was never sent copies of these requests.

Mr. Eldridge further explained that some of the state-suggested speed limits in Rochester seem rather excessive given the rural, densely-populated nature of the town. Nevertheless, he is required to adhere to the state rules regarding speed limit postings. And many of these state-approved speed limits to not jibe with Officer Chamberlain's recommendations.

"On roads which qualify for Chapter 90 funding, you have to post the speed limit signs as on file with the state," Selectman Ryan said. "Otherwise, we don't get the Chapter 90 funding."

The board voiced their ongoing frustration with having to request state approval for speed limits within town. "We need to get some outside help," Chairman Cutler said. "We've been going around and around on this for years."

The board unanimously voted to authorize Mr. Huntoon to ask Officer Chamberlain to go through the five or six worse areas in town and post the speed limits based on the markings on the road approved by the state. That way they could then request a traffic study from the state to determine the appropriate speed limit for those areas.

In other matters, the board:

• Noted that the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting will take place on Monday, December 6 in front of the Rochester Town Hall.

• Announced that the official signing of the emPOWERment group agreement will take place on Saturday, December 11 at the Mattapoisett Town Hall.

• Tabled a request from resident Tom Cullen to name a private drive off North Avenue "Arthur Duhamel Way," or just "Duhamel Way." The board would like to contact the other resident on that road first before taking action on the matter and added that they have restricted the naming of private ways and drives to the designation "Drive."

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• Received notification from the Massachusetts Collectors and Treasurers Association (MCTA) that Town Treasurer John Hall earned the designation of Certified Massachusetts Municipal Treasurer, which will be awarded to him on December 14 at the organization's Winter Meeting. Mr. Hall has also volunteered to serve on the MCTA's Education Committee for a three-year term which expires in September, 2000.

"This puts Rochester forward and we've become a more active group on the state level," Mr. Hall said of his new position.

• Noted that Harvey J. Blanchette has resumed his duties as Veterans Agent for Mattapoisett and Rochester.

• Received programming notice from MediaOne that price adjustments for cable subscribers in town will take effect January 1, 2000. Rochester residents can expect an estimated six percent increase in their monthly cable bills.

• Unanimously voted to rescind their appointment of Richard Sevigny as the town's Zoning Enforcement Officer (ZEO), effective immediately. The board agreed to meet with Building Inspector Robert Francis to discuss appointing a replacement ZEO in Mr. Sevigny's place.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 9:30 pm.

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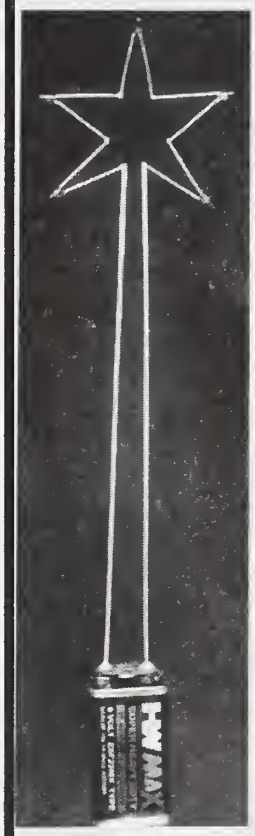

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Sports Shorts

By Kenneth J. Souza

Mattapoisett Tennis Association

The **Mattapoisett Community Tennis Association** recently engaged **Cape and Island Tennis and Track Company** to begin repairs of the north-south town tennis courts on Hammond Street. An initial payment of $2,800 has been made by the Tennis Association. About $4,700 will be required to finish the project in the spring. The Association is beginning a new campaign to raise the required funds.

Cape and Island Tennis and Track Company completed necessary repairs of the east-west tennis courts last spring at a total cost of about $8,000 paid by the Tennis Association from past contributions. Tennis players who have since used the courts are very pleased with the results.

Contributions are tax-deductible and should be sent to: **MCTA, c/o Carleton Burr, Treasurer, 27 Ned's Point Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739.**

Mattapoisett Basketball Sign-ups

Basketball sign-ups for the upcoming Instructional League (Third and Fourth Grade) and the Junior League (Fifth and Sixth Grade) will be held on **December 7** in the **Center School Gymnasium.** Registration is from **6:00 to 7:00 pm** for boys and girls from Mattapoisett. For more information, please call John Haley at 758-4587.

Please send your sports items to: Sports Shorts, c/o The Wanderer, P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739, or you can fax your information, 24-hours-a-day, at (508) 758-4845.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

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Please remember this fund is solely dependent on your generosity. Donations and bequeathments of any amount can be accepted at any time. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact any of the following committee members: Chairperson Linda Towers (763-9092); Secretary Doreen Laboa (763-5210); Joanne Deneault (763-5812); or Lynnea Walker (763-3385). Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Sincerely,
Rochester Scholarship Committee

To the Editor:

On behalf of the seniors of Mattapoisett, I would like to thank the students and staff at Old Rochester Regional Junior High School for a wonderful dinner and program. As you know,

this event is one of the most popular occasions for seniors and they truly enjoy it.
Sincerely,
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Mattapoisett Council on Aging

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Mattapoisett Woman's Club

Christmas Luncheon

The Christmas Luncheon for the Mattapoisett Woman's Club will be held on Thursday, December 9 at 11:30 am at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church, Reynard Hall. Hostesses for this festive event are Madeline Grader, Blanche Perry, and Barbara Easterday. They have chosen a delightful menu and have arranged to have the luncheon catered by Harriet's of Marion. The Garden Club will make holiday centerpieces to adorn the tables.

The program for this meeting will be "Entertainment in Song" by their own members. There will be a table of delicious homemade baked goods for sale and proceeds will benefit the Ways and Means Committee.

Great Decisions Group

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club is once again sponsoring the Great Decisions Discussion Group, nationally-sponsored by the Foreign Policy Association. It meets for a series of eight weeks, on a Thursday afternoon at 1:30 pm at the Friends Meeting House in Mattapoisett, beginning the fourth week in January. This program is open to men and women in the tri-town and greater New Bedford area. The club has been sponsoring it for over 20 years. Great Decisions opens the way for you to learn about foreign policy issues and to express and discuss your views with others.

A discussion briefing book published annually by the Foreign Policy Association will be used as the basis for

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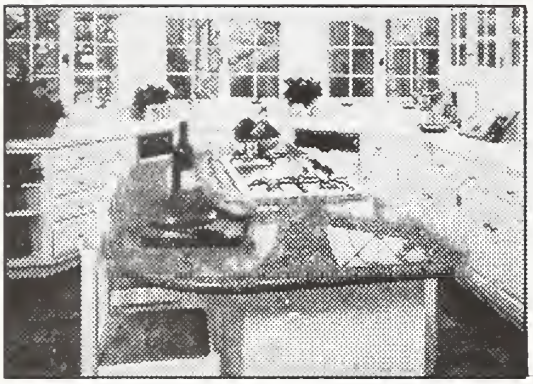

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the discussions. Its cost is approximately $12. If you are interested in participating, please call Lois Murray (758-4949) or Libby Klim (758-9410) by December 10 so they may order the proper number of books. Come meet, discuss, and learn with a group of people of many interests.

Model Train Show at ORR

The 13th Annual Model Train Show will be held on Sunday, December 12 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at Old Rochester Regional Junior High School on Route 6 in Mattapoisett. Sponsored by Rochester Boy Scout Troop 31, admission is $2.50 for adults, $1.50 for children (6-12) and seniors (60+), with a family maximum of $6. Children under 6 are admitted FREE with an adult.

This is Troop 31's annual fund-raiser. The funds raised are used for operating expenses and their monthly campouts or field trips. The show is made up of model railroad dealers, selling model trains, building kits, scenery materials, books, videos, and accessories in all scales — N, HO, O and G. Operating layouts will be on hand, and food and drink will be available. The facility is handicap-accessible. For more information, please contact Dan Charron, 315 New Bedford Road, Rochester, MA 02770, (508) 763-5948, e-mail: dcharron@mediaone.net.

Christmas Tree Sale in Marion

Marion Boy Scout Troop 32 is currently taking orders for fresh Christmas trees to be delivered to Island Wharf in Marion on Saturday, December 4 from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm. The annual sale offers trees that are six feet tall for $25. Trees that are 7 to 8 feet or taller cost $30.

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Principal dancers and Fall River natives Lenny Machado and Patricia Letourneau will take on a variety of roles: Machado will be featured as Nutcracker Prince, Russian Trepak Dancer, and Wooden Soldier; Letourneau will be seen as Marizpan Shepherdess, a Snowflake, and a Candy Flower. The role of Cavalier will be performed by Tom Slattery, a dancer of international experience who currently lives in Providence.

Also touring with the company for its New England Nutcracker season are Siobhan Brown of Marion, Steven Vaughn of Mattapoisett, and Jordyn Cormier of Rochester.

Joining the ensemble for the Fall River performances will be an additional group of young dancers who rehearse and perform through a special regional program. Among these local young dancers: Chynna Nicholas of Acushnet; Lauren Arcuri, Nicole Rowley, Corrinna Thompson, and Jessica Thompson of Marion; Bethany Bertrand and Meaghan Gauthier of Mattapoisett; Kayla Fleurent, Heather Ross, and Laura White of Rochester; and Brittani Howard of Wareham.

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Holiday Crafts

A Holiday Craft Program for Kids will be held at the Plumb Memorial Library in Rochester on Tuesday, December 14 at 10:00 am for ages 3 to 6. Registration is required and can be made by calling 763-8600.

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ORR Parent Advisory Council

The Old Rochester Regional Special Education Parent Advisory Council will be holding two programs in the winter and spring of 2000. The first program will provide parents and community members with a legislative update on special education reform. The second program will address the concerns of all parents with respect to the myths of MCAS testing and special education.

The Advisory Council is looking for new members. Anyone interested in providing specific input to the agenda is asked to attend a planning meeting on Tuesday, November 30, 1999. The meeting will be held in the ORR High School Library from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. If you have specific questions about the business of the Special Education Advisory Council, you can contact the chairperson from your town: ORR - Gail McSwiggan (758-4354); Mattapoisett - Jim Muse (758-2616); Marion - Sandy Kinney (748-2836); or Rochester - Cynthia Atwood (763-3894).

SADD Rocks for Funds

The Old Rochester Regional High School chapter of Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) held its second annual Rock-A-Thon on Wednesday, November 10 in the high school cafeteria. Over 100 students rocked away the night for pledges totaling $3,500. This year's event featured a special guest performance by the Ben Cardoza Band, a musical group of five ORR sophomores who played for two hours. Students supplied their own

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Faculty advisors Hans Ramsden and Traci Viveiros were very pleased with the number of students that participated and the amount of funds raised. Money generated by the Rock-A-Thon will be used throughout the school year to donate to charitable organizations within the school and the community, to compensate guest speakers that frequent the school addressing various health-related topics, and to fund field trips for SADD members. It is the goal of SADD to provide educational programs and activities that will enable students to make good choices.

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The speaker this month will be Richard Murray, Director of the Environmental Police. Richard will talk about the changing role of his department as we approach the change of century.

Callers are reminded to report their lists no later than 9:00 pm on November 29. Last-minute changes and reservations may be made by calling Mike Lamoureux at 758-9311.

Friends of Old Rochester Music

The next meeting of the Friends of Old Rochester Music (FORM), the parent group supporting the music program at Old Rochester Regional Junior and Senior High Schools, is Tuesday, November 30 at 7:00 pm in the teacher's lunch room at the high school. Please note that this is a change from the first Tuesday of December due to the Senior and Junior High School Christmas concerts scheduled to be held on Tuesday, December 7 and Thursday, December 9 at 7:00 pm, respectively, in the high school auditorium.

FORM wishes to thank all those who supported the Grand Piano campaign through their donations of time, talent, treasure, and their attendance at the recent Inaugural Grand Piano Concert, where everyone enjoyed a wonderful performance. FORM also wishes to express special appreciation to all those performers who participated, including the Old Rochester Regional High School Mixed Chorus accompanied by Michelle Gordon, a jazz quartet featuring John Farrell, Marcus Monteiro, Kyle Spark, and Rick Britto, the jazz duo of Matt Richard and Jim Robitaille, and the classical pianists Anita Asser and Nancy Brown.

Sippican Choral Society

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Mozart composed this magnificent piece of music 220 years ago this year in 1779 at the age of 23. The chorus first performed the mass 20 years ago at Christmas on the 200th anniversary of its composition. During intermission the orchestra will perform selections from Handel's "Royal Fireworks."

Special Christmas music will follow the orchestral interlude, and include "Glory to God" from Handel's *The Messiah;* "This Little Babe" by Benjamin Britten from his *Ceremony of Carols;* Daniel Pinkham's *Christmas Cantata;* and "Silent Night, Holy Night," arranged by Kay Hawks Goodyear. The concert concludes with an unusual "Musicology Journey Through the Twelve Days of Christmas" arranged by Craig Courtney. As always, the audience will have the chance to sing along with the chorus on several familiar Christmas carols.

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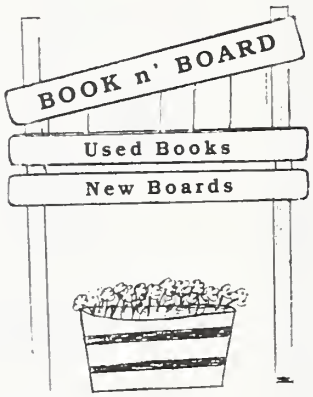

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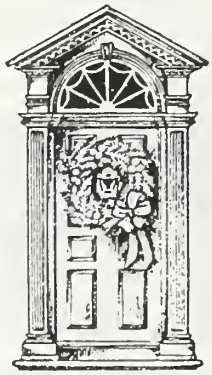
The chorus will be performing Beethoven's *Ninth Symphony* in a special concert for the new millennium on Sunday, January 2, 2000 at the Zeiterion Theater in New Bedford with the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra under the direction of F. John Adams. The chorus will be joined by the New Bedford Choral Society and the SouthCoast Community Chorale in that concert. In addition, next April the Sippican Choral Society will perform parts 2 and 3 of Handel's *The Messiah* for its spring concert.

Tickets for the December 5 Christmas Concert are $8 per person and are now available at The Bookstall in Marion, Seaport Village Ice Cream and Coffee Shoppe in Mattapoisett, Margaret's Hallmark Card Shop in Wareham, and Fairhaven One-Hour Photo (located in the News Depot on Pope's Island near the bridge to New Bedford). Chorus members also have tickets for sale. While the concert is usually sold out, there may be a few tickets available at the door on the day of the concert. (Tickets for the millennium concert on January 2 are available now at the Zeiterion Theater box office.)

Doors to Wickenden Chapel, located on Spring Street in Marion, will open at 4:00 pm for the 4:30 performance. Handicapped parking and entrance are to the rear of the chapel.



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Mattapoisett Firefighters' Auxiliary

The Mattapoisett Firefighters' Auxiliary has been in existence for over 20 years. The organization was originally founded by the wives and family members of the firefighters to assist in lengthy fires by providing water, coffee and food when necessary. Eventually fund-raising was started as a way to provide a yearly scholarship to the children, wives or very often the firefighters themselves. The Auxiliary has now become

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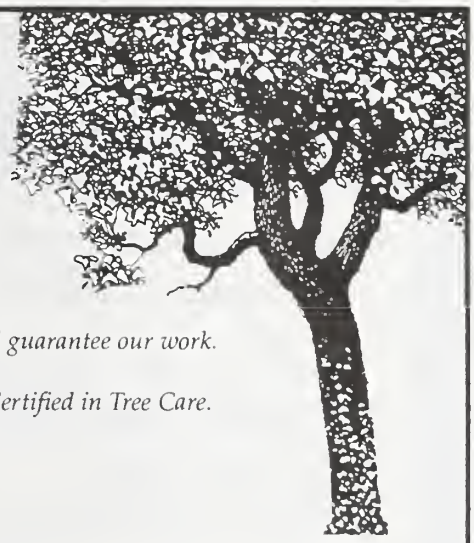

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The Auxiliary has always relied on the generosity of community members and want to thank all who have supported them along the way. For more information on purchasing a T-shirt, please call either Janet at 758-2355 or Gail at 758-9064.

Marion Holiday House Tour

Marion's annual Holiday House Tour will take place on Saturday, December 11 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The theme, "From One Century to Another," will be professionally displayed by decade at Handy's Tavern on Front Street in the Marion Village.

Now in its thirteenth year, the Holiday House Tour is sponsored by Marion's Sippican Woman's Club. Six homes, their identities kept secret until tour day, will be open to ticket holders and decorated for the season, both Christmas and Hanukkah.

Included in the ticket price will be the Sugar Plum Tea from 1:30 to 4:30 at St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church in Marion Village. Holiday greens and arrangements will be for sale in the Music Hall, prepared by the Marion Garden

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Advance tickets are now available at the Marion General Store, Sitting Duck, Bookstall, and Sippican Hardware in Marion; the Opulent Owl and Seaport Village Ice Cream and Coffee Shoppe in Mattapoisett; McGovern's Good Earth at G. Bourne Knowles in Fairhaven. On Tour Day, tickets may be purchased for $15 at the Music Hall (morning only) and Coldwell Banker Hayes Associates (both in Marion Village). Brochures will also be available at these two sites. All parking is at Island Wharf. Proceeds from the Holiday House Tour are donated to scholarships for area residents.

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Acushnet School Session

The Acushnet School Facilities Study Committee will meet at the Acushnet Elementary School, 800 Middle Road, Acushnet in the school cafetorium for a Public Information Session on Wednesday, December 1, 1999 at 7:00 pm.

Mattapoisett Tree Lighting

The Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen invites all residents to attend and participate in the seventeenth annual Christmas Tree Lighting to be held at Shipyard Park in Mattapoisett on Wednesday, December 8. Festivities begin at 6:30 pm, followed by the arrival of Mr. and Ms. Claus and their elves. Music and refreshments will be provided for all to enjoy. Raindate will be Thursday, December 9 at 6:30 pm.

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Marion Art Center

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The exhibition and sale includes a variety of sculpture from humorous wooden birds and animals by Alfred Glover to the faux bronze reliefs of mermaids and other beings by Len Shartle. Painted furniture by Sarah

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Brown, Richard Klusalas, Linda Davis, Doug Rugh, and Kirk Vermilyea is displayed throughout with lighted tree branches on walls and ceiling decorated with one-of-a-kind ornaments ranging from Faith Kolodziejski's "Phatt Ladies," folk art by Biddie Conlin Davis, to hand-wrought gold jewel-like pieces by Michelle Brodeur. Faith Martin's birds and puppets of many feathers, soft sculpture by Liz Davis and Theresa Labrecque are sophisticated and fun.

There is jewelry by Jane Walsh, Susan Pacitto and Eileen Claffey. Elizabeth Howland's hand-pointed silk and velvet scarves and other wearable art is also included. Doll clothes, furniture and accessories, both formal and casual by Shirley Brady, will delight collectors of all ages. Dave Bill contributes wind chimes and pet toys. Sailor valentine's by Jane Chase are a unique and historical art. Paintings, prints, and cards by Karen North Wells, Lee Gorman Smith, Scott Kennedy, and other local artists are also included. Rounding out the show are wreaths and other botanicals by Irina Weatherley, who also created the installation.

The Marion Art Center is one of Southeastern Massachusetts' finest art galleries and performing art centers. A gala opening reception will be held on Friday, November 26 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. The Holiday Exhibition will run from Friday, November 26 through Wednesday, December 22. Gallery hours are Sunday through Friday, 1:00 to 5:00 pm; and Saturday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The gallery is closed Monday.

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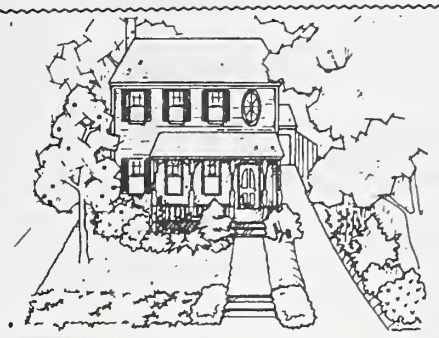

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Annual House Tour

On Saturday, December 11, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, the Marion Art Center will be a participant in the Annual House Tour sponsored by the Sippican Woman's Club. Custom portrait silhouettes will be available for sale by Carol Lebeaux. A great gift idea, the silhouettes are only $18 mounted on ivory museum board. Call 748-1266 to reserve a time — scheduled appointments are recommended. Come to Marion and enjoy the marvelous holiday season in the true New England spirit and take home a piece of New England for the Holidays!

ORR Alumni Meeting

The ORR Alumni Association held its last meeting on November 4. The issue discussed was compiling necessary and wanted information for their planned scholarship. Elections were held for the officers of the Alumni Association. Elected were: President Steve Heath, Vice President Danny White, Treasurer Kathy Sherman, and Secretary Holly Gifford.

The Alumni Association will hold its next meeting on Thursday, December 2 at 6:30 pm in the ORR High School Cafeteria. All ORR alumni are invited to join in helping the school, the present students (and future alumni), and the students of the future. They hope to see you there!

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While targeted for parents/guardians of students in Grades 4-5, 8-9, and 10-11 because these are the grades which have been or will be tested in the 1999 and 2000 cycle, all interested parents/guardians and interested citizens are welcome to attend.

Local scores will not be available until December 8 or after. The purpose of this evening's presentation is to provide information and answer questions on the purpose and content of the tests, the schools' efforts to prepare our students, curriculum changes which have been and will be implemented, and the schools' follow-up activities as they assess scores of individual students as well as particular classes and grade levels.

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Movie Review

Heads Roll

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■ *Sleepy Hollow*. **Starring Johnny Depp and Christina Ricci. Directed by Tim Burton. Running time: 109 minutes. MPAA rating: R. At Cinema 12 in the North Dartmouth Mall and Flagship Cinemas in New Bedford.**

When discussing a Tim Burton film, you want to go on and on about the mood and look of the piece, because the story is never much to write home about. In *Sleepy Hollow*, based glancingly on the Washington Irving story, Burton and his cinematographer Emmanuel Lubezki give us a world of fog and chill; the blacks are blacker than midnight in a coal mine, and the whites — well, there isn't much white, just gradations of gray. Burton doesn't wallow in gloom; he luxuriates in it, and the result, for all its drabness, is a work of great morose beauty. One almost wishes that there were no script at all — that the film were silent, even.

Working for the third time with Burton (after *Edward Scissorhands* and *Ed Wood*), Johnny Depp steps forward out of the mist, hair mussed and dark, clothes also mussed and dark, flesh paler than anything else around — once again, he's Burton's onscreen surrogate. This time he's Ichabod Crane, a New York constable (not a schoolteacher as in Irving) religiously devoted to "sense and reason." It's 1799, the dawn of a new century, and Crane espouses the future of detective work: new scientific advances, the strenuous use of logic and deduction. In response, his superiors disdainfully assign him to Sleepy Hollow, a bleak town where people have been mysteriously turning up minus their heads.

Crane slouches into town, which is full of some of the great eccentrics in modern movies, along with some veterans like Michael Gough, who played Alfred in Burton's two *Batman* movies. (If *Sleepy Hollow* were an utter dud, which it isn't, it would be worth seeing just to hear Gough intone, in answer to what became of the missing heads, "Taken ... taken by the Headless Horseman ... taken back to Hell.") There's the usual pious reverend (Jeffrey Jones, always fun to watch), a gossipy magistrate (Richard Griffiths), and a prosperous couple (Michael Gambon and Miranda Richardson) with a blond, angelic daughter named Katrina (Christina Ricci). Crane keeps hearing the local legend of the Headless Horseman, which he discounts

out of hand. Surely, he says, there is a logical explanation for the murders.

There is, and that's where *Sleepy Hollow* falls down. Burton isn't, nor should he be, a man of logic. He's an artist of spooky intuition, painting with bullet-gray skies and gnarled branches reaching towards us like skeleton's fingers. The movie, experienced solely with the eyes, enfolds us in mesmerizing atmosphere — a mood poem in tribute to the dark, gory, campy Hammer horror movies Burton devoured as a kid. (A familiar Hammer legend turns up in a cameo, and Christopher Walken in his scenes as the pre-headless horseman is like the spirit of Hammer incarnate.) "I'm pinioned to logic," says Crane at one point; unfortunately, Burton is pinioned to the rather banal logic of Andrew Kevin Walker's script (reportedly doctored by Tom Stoppard), which explains everything and takes all the mystery out of what we've been watching.

Sleepy Hollow is two-thirds of a masterful gothic horror-comedy — for long stretches, it plays like an Edward Gorey tale in live-action. But as it winds down, characters start spinning around in ecstasies of exposition (which barely makes sense anyway), and the movie begins to feel cheesy; an overlong stagecoach chase, a recap of similar bits in *Raiders of the Lost Ark* and *Bram Stoker's Dracula*, is the mold on the cheese. The film doesn't fully recover after its haphazardly conventional climax, but everything leading up to it — the tormented woods, the deep thuds of hooves, the nightmarish splendor of the Headless Horseman himself — is superb. So I don't really have the heart to dwell much on *Sleepy Hollow*'s eleventh-hour loss of magic. I just wish Tim Burton had trusted more in his own brand of logic — the dream logic of horror and fantasy, the unaccountable imagination that gives us a villain who doesn't bleed and a tree that does.

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House on Haunted Hill (R) – Fri-Sun: 2:45, 4:40, 9:15; Mon-Thu: 9:15
American Beauty (R) – Fri-Sun: 12:00, 2:20, 4:45, 7:10, 9:40; Mon-Thu: 6:30, 9:00
The Best Man (R) – Fri-Sun: 2:15, 7:15; Mon-Thu: 6:45
Light It Up (R) – Fri-Sun: 12:15, 4:45, 9:45; Mon-Thu: 9:15
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Autumn Tale (PG) – Fri-Sun: 12:15, 4:45, 9:15; Mon-Thu: 7:00
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Sleepy Hollow (R) – 12:40, 1:20, 3:10, 4:00, 6:55, 7:25, 9:15, 9:45
The World is Not Enough (PG-13) – 12:30, 1:10, 3:15, 4:10, 6:50, 7:20, 9:25, 9:55
Being John Malkovich (R) – 12:40, 3:20, 7:15, 9:35
Pokémon (G) – 12:15, 1:00, 2:30, 3:00, 4:30, 5:00, 6:45, 8:50
Dogma (R) – 7:10, 9:45
Anywhere But Here (PG-13) – 7:05, 9:50
The Insider (R) – 7:45
The Bone Collector (R) – 12:45, 3:30, 7:00, 9:35
The Adventures of Elmo in Grouchland (G) – 12:35, 2:30, 4:25

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The Bone Collector (R) – 1:10, 3:50, 6:50, 9:20
Anywhere But Here (PG-13) – 1:40, 4:10, 6:50, 9:20
Toy Story 2 (G) – Fri-Sun: 10:50, 11:50, 1:30, 2:20, 4:00, 4:50, 6:20, 7:10, 8:50, 9:30; Mon-Thu: 1:30, 2:20, 4:00, 4:50, 6:20, 7:10, 8:50, 9:30
Pokémon (G) – Fri-Sun: 11:00, 11:30, 1:00, 1:50, 3:00, 4:20, 5:00, 6:30, 7:00, 9:00; Mon-Thu: 1:00, 1:50, 3:00, 4:20, 5:00, 6:30, 7:00, 9:00
The Insider (R) – 8:30
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Sleepy Hollow (R) – Fri-Sun: 11:20, 1:10, 1:50, 3:50, 4:30, 6:40, 7:10, 9:00, 9:30; Mon-Thu: 1:10, 1:50, 3:50, 4:30, 6:40, 7:10, 9:00, 9:30

announced the resumption of evening office hours, which will begin later this year due to a busy fall schedule of Building Committee meetings. This year, Ms. Quinn will be available for appointments or drop-in visits at her office according to the following schedule. If you would like to schedule an appointment during these hours or at any other time, please call Danielle Brightman at 758-2772, extension 13:

Monday, November 29; Tuesday, December 7; Tuesday, December 14; Wednesday, January 19, 2000; Monday, January 31, 2000; Thursday, February 10, 2000; Thursday, March 2, 2000; Monday, March 20, 2000; Thursday, April 6, 2000; Tuesday, April 25, 2000; Wednesday, May 10, 2000; Wednesday, May 24, 2000.

Hours will be from 5:00 to 7:00 pm in the Superintendent's Office at Old Rochester Regional High School, 135 Marion Road, Mattapoisett.

Mattapoisett Seniors Club

The Mattapoisett Seniors Club Christmas Dinner will be held at the Frigate Restaurant on December 9 at 12:30 pm. The fee for members will be $10, and $13.50 for non-members (tip included). Guests are welcome. Please register at the Mattapoisett Council on Aging office (758-4110). Membership dues may be paid at the COA office. For further information, please call 758-9751 or 758-9635. Reservations must be made on or before November 30.

Pancake Breakfast in Acushnet

There will be a Pancake Breakfast at the Acushnet-Wesley United Methodist Church, 67 Main Street in Acushnet (The Stone Church) on Saturday, December 4 from 7:00 to 11:00 am. The cost is $3.50 for adults, $1.75 for children. The menu is pancakes or French toast, ham, juice and coffee. The proceeds will go to the church's Evangelism Committee. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

Children's Candy Cane Fair

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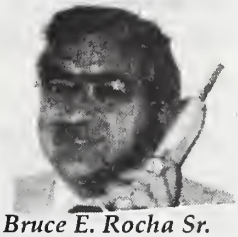

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■ **ACUSHNET ELEMENTARY and FORD MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Monday, November 29 — Hamburger on a bun, bologna sandwich, potato puffs, carrots, fresh fruit, milk.

Tuesday, November 30 — Soft shell taco, bologna sandwich, rice, lettuce and tomato, fresh fruit, milk.

Wednesday, December 1 — Baked chicken, turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes, carrots, fresh fruit, milk.

Thursday, December 2 — Hot dog on a roll, ham sandwich, potato puffs, peas, fresh fruit, milk.

Friday, December 3 — French bread pizza, tuna salad sandwich, salad dressing, tossed salad, fresh fruit, milk.

■ **COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION**

Monday, November 29 — Honey glazed chicken leg, au gratin potatoes, mixed vegetables, sunshine muffin, fruit in light syrup.

Tuesday, November 30 — American chop suey, zucchini and summer squash, club roll, brownie.

Wednesday, December 1 — Chicken a-la King, fluffy white rice, peas, whole wheat roll, fruit in light syrup.

Thursday, December 2 — Meat loaf, mashed potato, carrots, Parker House roll, vanilla pudding.

Friday, December 3 — Tomato soup, fishwich on a hamburger bun, tartar sauce, Lyonnaise potatoes, fresh fruit.

■ **CENTER SCHOOL MATTAPOISETT**

Monday, November 29 — French toast sticks, sausages, toasted cheese, veggie sticks, puffs, warm apple slices, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, November 30 — Oven baked chicken, mashed potato, peas, rib-b-que, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, December 1 — Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, rib-b-que, tossed salad, fruit, dessert.

Thursday, December 2 — Beef taco, lettuce, tomato, cheese, or Steak'Um, nachos, soup, fruit, dessert.

Friday, December 3 — Cheese or pepperoni pizza, tossed salad, soup, fruit, dessert.

■ **FAIRHAVEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS and ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL**

Monday, November 29 — Hot dog on a roll, meatball sub with grated mozzarella, grilled cheese, potato puffs, baked beans, chilled pears, chocolate pudding with topping.

Tuesday, November 30 — Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken patty club, mac rib sub, Lay's potato chips, carrot sticks, fresh apple, fruit roll-up.

■ **FAIRHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL**

Monday, November 29 — Pepperoni pizza, grilled chicken club, mac rib sub, oven fries, baked beans, chilled pears, chocolate pudding with topping.

Tuesday, November 30 — Chicken nuggets with sauces, Steak'Um and cheese sub, baked pork chop with gravy, whipped potatoes, carrots, chilled pineapple, apple crisp with topping.

■ **HASTINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL FAIRHAVEN**

Monday, November 29 — Hot dog on a roll, meatball sub with grated mozzarella, one-and-a-half grilled cheese, potato wedges, baked beans, chilled pears, chocolate pudding with topping.

Tuesday, November 30 — Baked lasagna, hamburger/cheeseburger, mac rib sub, oven fries, tossed salad, chilled peaches, apple crisp with topping.

■ **MEMORIAL SCHOOL ROCHESTER**

Monday, November 29 — French toast sticks, sausages, toasted cheese, veggie sticks, puffs, warm apple slices, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, November 30 — Oven baked chicken, mashed potato, peas, rib-b-que, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, December 1 — Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, rib-b-que, tossed salad, fruit, dessert.

Thursday, December 2 — Beef taco, lettuce, tomato, cheese, or Steak'Um, nachos, soup, fruit, dessert.

Friday, December 3 — Cheese or pepperoni pizza, tossed salad, soup, fruit, dessert.

■ **OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOKE HIGH SCHOOL**

Monday, November 29 — Steak'Um and cheese, potato puffs, broccoli, chilled fruit.

Tuesday, November 30 — Sloppy Joe, rice, mixed vegetables, spice cake.

Wednesday, December 1 — Shepherd's pie, cold cut sandwich, peas, roll, chocolate cake.

Thursday, December 2 — Soup, ham or chicken salad roll, spicy fries, green beans, marble cake.

Friday, December 3 — Pizza, tuna salad roll, hash brown patty, carrots, assorted dessert.

■ **OLD HAMMONDTOWN SCHOOL – MATTAPOISETT**

Monday, November 29 — French toast sticks, sausages, toasted cheese, veggie sticks, puffs, warm apple slices, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, November 30 — Oven baked chicken, mashed potato, peas, rib-b-que, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, December 1 — Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, rib-b-que, tossed salad, fruit, dessert.

Thursday, December 2 — Beef taco, lettuce, tomato, cheese, or Steak'Um, nachos, soup, fruit, dessert.

Friday, December 3 — Cheese or pepperoni pizza, tossed salad, soup, fruit, dessert.

■ **ORR JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS**

Monday, November 29 — Soup, baked macaroni with cheese, fish or crispy chicken fillet, carrots, rolls, dessert, juice or milk.

Tuesday, November 30 — Roast pork, grilled cheese, chicken nuggets, mashed potato, gravy, corn, applesauce, dessert, juice or milk.

Wednesday, December 1 — Soup, American chop suey, wings of fire, steak and cheese sub, salad, garlic bread, fruit, juice or milk.

Thursday, December 2 — Soup, chicken pattie with fries, pepperoni calzone, BBQ ribs, lettuce, tomato, dessert, juice or milk.

Friday, December 3 — Fettucini noodles with chicken tenders, ham and cheese croissant, meatball sub, carrots, roll, dessert, juice or milk.

■ **SIPPICAN SCHOOL MARION**

Monday, November 29 — French toast sticks, sausages, toasted cheese, veggie sticks, puffs, warm apple slices, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, November 30 — Oven baked chicken, mashed potato, peas, rib-b-que, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, December 1 — Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, rib-b-que, tossed salad, fruit, dessert.

Thursday, December 2 — Beef taco, lettuce, tomato, cheese, or Steak'Um, nachos, soup, fruit, dessert.

Friday, December 3 — Cheese or pepperoni pizza, tossed salad, soup, fruit, dessert.

SOME MENU ITEMS NOT AVAILABLE AT PRESS TIME.

Hall in Mattapoisett. Admission is FREE. Santa is expected to arrive from the North Pole with gifts at 2:00 pm. Kids will enjoy winning prizes at the numerous games and amusements supervised by Lions Club members. Also, refreshments will be served to the children.

Based on the success of previous candy cane fairs, children, as well as their parents, are expected to come and have a good time in celebrating the holiday season.

Please bring a *wrapped* gift, marked "boy, girl or either" with the appropriate age of the child. These gifts will be collected at the door. The Lions Club will distribute these gifts to the needy children of Mattapoisett in time for Christmas. Calling all children: come one, come all.

Box Tops for Mattapoisett

This year the Mattapoisett Elementary Schools are trying to raise money to purchase new software and books for the schools through a fund-raising program called General Mills Box Tops for Education. It's fun and easy: all you need to do is collect the box tops from participating General Mills cereals, snacks, and Yoplait yogurt multi-packs. Simply clip the box top logos and send them to school with your children. That's all there is to it! The more the schools collect, the more money they earn. The school gets 15 cents for each pink cereal box top and 10 cents for each green snacks and Yoplait box top.

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Local Police Logs

■ MARION

The following log excerpts are for the week of November 14 through November 20, 1999:

• Pine Grove Lane – animal complaint
• Spring Street – general offense
• Island Wharf Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Mill Street – larceny/past
• County Road – larceny/past
• Point Road – officer wanted
• Front Street – officer wanted
• Spring Street – animal complaint
• Spring Street – forgery
• Wareham Road – motor vehicle complaint
• Route 195 East – motor vehicle accident/property damage
• Route 195 East – animal complaint
• Front Street – family offense
• Rebecca Drive – larceny/past
• Converse Road – general service
• Spring Street – parking violation
• Front Street – general offense
• Wareham Road – adult arrest (unlicensed operation of motor vehicle, warrant: larceny by check, four counts)
• Front Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
• Wareham Road – disturbance
• Wareham Road – motor vehicle accident/hit and run/property damage
• Point Road – motor vehicle complaint
• Aucoot Avenue – mental assist.

■ MATTAPOISETT

The following log excerpts are for the week of November 14 through November 20, 1999:

• Fairhaven Road – adult arrest (operating with suspended license)
• Ocean View Avenue – larceny/theft from building
• Brandt Island Road – weapons/illegal hunting/report of gunshots
• Mendell Road – vandalism/graffiti
• Marion Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• North Street – motor vehicle accident
• Marion Road – vandalism at ORR
• Marion Road – harassing phone calls
• Marion Road – harassing phone calls
• Marion Road – vandalism/property damage
• Marion Road – recovered property
• County Road – motor vehicle accident/hit and run
• Brandt Island Road – lost dog
• Pine Island Road – stolen or lost cell phone
• Riverside Drive – vandalism/mailbox and post smashed
• Brant Beach Avenue – larceny
• Marion Road – assault/past
• Acushnet Road – harassing phone calls
• County Road – returned property
• Brandt Island Road – motor vehicle accident
• Fairhaven Road – suspicious activity/persons
• Marion Road – vandalism/damage to mailboxes
• Winnatuxett Beach Road – missing person/small child
• Timberledge Lane – lost dog
• Long Plain Road – motor vehicle hit deer
• Long Plain Road – weapons discharge/officer requests permission to put down deer.

■ ROCHESTER

The following log excerpts are for the week of November 16 through November 22, 1999:

• Walnut Plain Road – suspicious activity
• North Avenue – animal control matter
• Neck Road – oil spill
• Robinson Road – animal control matter
• North Avenue – deer hit by car
• Adrian's Package Store – adult arrest (warrant)
• Alley Road – animal control matter
• Route 28 – adult arrest (warrant)
• Annie Maxim House – suspicious activity
• Walnut Plain Road – officer wanted
• Neck Road – animal control matter
• Marion Road – animal complaint
• Walnut Plain Road – animal control matter
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Women's Community Guild

The Women's Community Guild of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church will meet on Tuesday, December 7 at 1:00 pm. The program will feature the Center School Chorus under the direction of Ms. Jean West. Parents are guests are welcome to come and stay for tea following the program.

Acushnet Sea Shell Steppers

The Sea Shell Steppers' Christmas Party and Square/Round Dance will be held on Saturday, December 4 from 8:00 to 10:30 pm at the Acushnet Elementary School, Middle Road in Acushnet. Level is mainstream-plus and gift exchange is optional ($5 maximum). There will also be a pot luck supper that evening from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. If you plan to attend, please bring a dish. For more information, please call 995-7209 or 990-0392.

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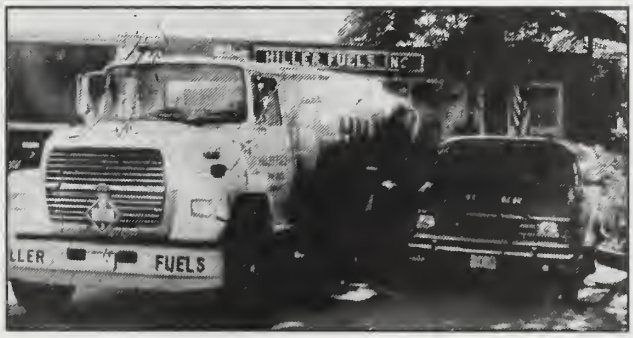

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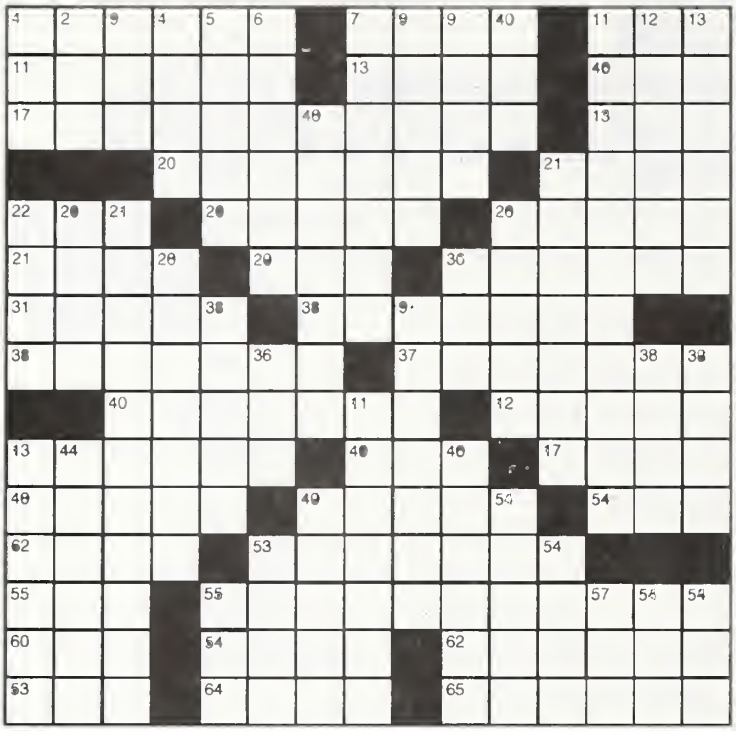

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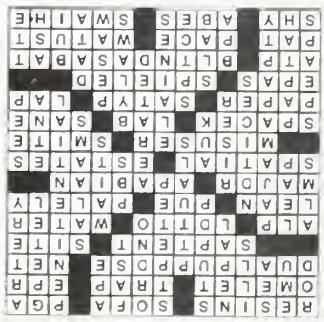

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This Week's Horoscope

by Linda Black

Aries (March 21-April 19). This is the beginning of a lucky phase for you. Figure out your money so you can buy educational toys.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). You'll focus on money for the next few weeks. Let financial worries motivate you to take action. Sign up for a class or get a good book on the subject.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Partnerships are emphasized during the next few weeks. Finish old business so you can start a new endeavor. The brakes are off; things start moving quickly.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Service is your theme for the next few weeks. Take care of others, and they'll take care of you.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Romance, games and children are in the spotlight for the next few weeks. Follow orders to advance in your career. Others look to you for leadership.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Home and family want your attention for the next few weeks. Travel could be complicated, but make the contact. These are busy days.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're entering an interesting phase; you'll learn a lot. Stash money where it will grow. Send that short story to the publisher. Seek out the best deal.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're stronger now, so take control of your money. Work with a partner. Study stocks, bonds and taxes. Travel and learn.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). This year you could undergo a major transformation. Turn yourself into the person you've always wanted to be.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). This week resolve old fears on purpose. You have the support of a loved one. There's not much time for romance. You're too busy.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Get hooked up with a good team. Make sure everything's OK at home. Schedule your big date. You'll succeed in your career.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). Push forward in your career. Start by learning a new skill. Fix something at home. Get your message across in a romantic setting.

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Mattapoisett's Friends of the Elderly

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TOWN OF ROCHESTER
BOARD OF APPEALS

#725 Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Gary Mills, 74 Snipatuit Road, for a special permit under Section VIII C.2.d. to allow construction of an accessory structure larger than the allowed 750 square feet. Property is identified as Assessors plan 35 lot 45. Public hearing will be conducted on December 9, 1999 at 7:30pm in the conference room of the Rochester Town Hall.

Charles Wolf, Chairman 11/25, 12/02

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
BOARD OF APPEALS

#726 Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Lois & David Paquin, 121 Pierce Street, for a special permit under Section VIII C.2. to allow a major farm structure in the front yard area. Property is identified as Assessors plan 16 lot 14. Public hearing will be conducted on December 9, 1999 at 7:45pm in the conference room of the Rochester Town Hall.

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LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
BOARD OF APPEALS

#727 Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Jo-Ann and David O'Malley, 130 Quaker Lane, who are seeking a special permit under Section VIII.D.9.a. of protective bylaws to allow conversion of a single family dwelling to a two family dwelling. Property is identified as Assessors plan 37 lot 7. Public hearing will be conducted on December 9, 1999 at 8:00pm in the conference room of the Rochester Town Hall.

Charles Wolf, Chairman 11/25, 12/02

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BOARD OF APPEALS

#728 Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Tremont Enterprise Corp., Double "M" Cranberry Co., Inc., owner, for a special permit for use within the Industrial District under section IV.D.1. of protective bylaws to allow operation of a diesel fuel/propane gas service station on property located on Cranberry Highway. Property is identified as Assessors plan 17 lots 29, 29A, 30, 31A, 55 and 56. Public hearing will be conducted on December 9, 1999 at 8:15pm in the conference room of the Rochester Town Hall.

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Words of Wisdom

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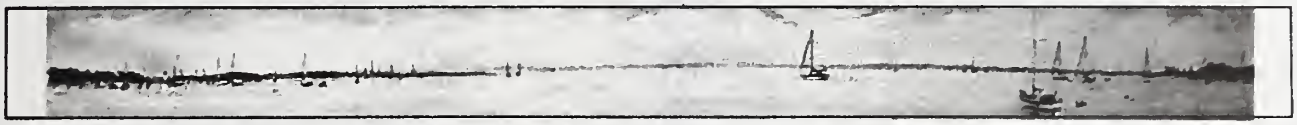

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The Advisory Council is looking for new members. Anyone interested in providing specific input to the agenda is asked to attend a planning meeting on Tuesday, November 30. The meeting will be held in the Old Rochester Regional High School Library from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. If you have specific questions about the business of the Special Education Advisory Council, you can contact the chairperson in your town. The chairpersons are: ORR (Gail McSwiggan, 758-4354); Mattapoisett (Jim Muse, 758-2616); Marion (Sandy Kinney, 748-2836); Rochester (Cynthia Atwood, 763-3894).

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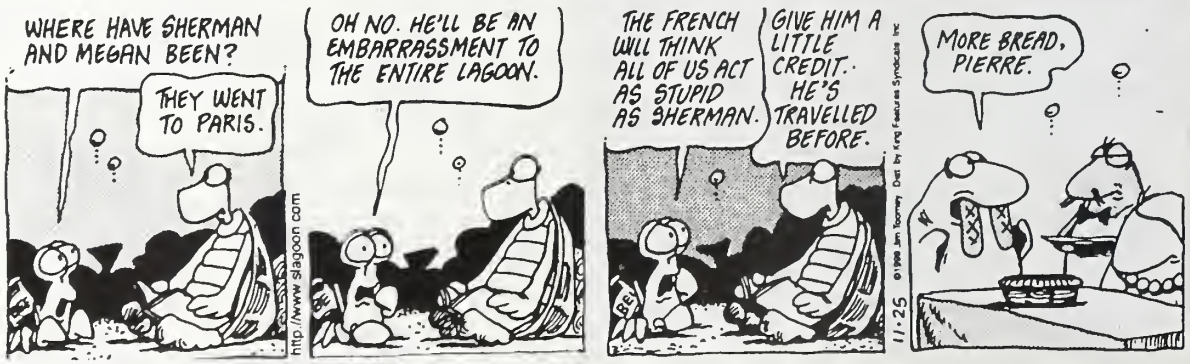

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Date	Day	High a.m.	High p.m.	Low a.m.	Low p.m.
November 25:	Thurs.	9:06	9:34	2:16	3:05
November 26:	Fri.	10:00	10:29	3:08	3:58
November 27:	Sat.	10:56	11:27	4:02	4:55
November 28:	Sun.	11:54	...	5:02	5:57
November 29:	Mon.	12:28	12:55	6:10	7:07
November 30:	Tues.	1:30	1:57	7:34	8:21
December 1:	Wed.	2:31	2:56	9:02	9:27
December 2:	Thurs.	3:28	3:51	10:12	10:18
December 3:	Fri.	4:20	4:41	11:05	10:59
December 4:	Sat.	5:07	5:27	11:47	11:32
December 5:	Sun.	5:51	6:10	...	12:21
December 6:	Mon.	6:32	6:51	12:01	12:49
December 7:	Tues.	7:13	7:32	12:31	1:17
December 8:	Wed.	7:52	8:13	1:01	1:45
December 9:	Thurs.	8:33	8:55	1:34	2:15
December 10:	Fri.	9:12	9:35	2:08	2:48
December 11:	Sat.	9:53	10:18	2:44	3:23
December 12:	Sun.	10:36	11:04	3:23	4:01

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	Last Quarter	November 29th
	New Moon	December 7th
	First Quarter	December 15th
	Full Moon	December 22nd

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